Potsdam. N.Y.
Dec. 26 – 1928.

My dearest Friends:–

Enjoyed your good letter so much. Father Rob. and am happy to have you say that you are feeling better. If you are strong enough to do the work, do get rid of your assistant. I think a lot of your mental depression comes from having too much time on your hands. You don't need an assistant, anywhere, to hold your people nor to strengthen the church. You are perfectly capable of running any church and I believe you will be happier to do it without an assistant. You certainly, should not resign before you are seventy. You are needed to preach the good

old truths of the Bible and it is your duty to do it as long as you are physically able.

Now, do brace up and feel important because you are. You do not appreciate your wonderful qualities as a preacher, pastor and friend.

Please start 1929 with the big head, if you want to. It will do you good. You should have been born with more confidence in yourself.

I am delighted to have the World's Work and thank you very much, indeed. I feel it is too much with the Presbyterian. You would better drop one. The December copy of World's Work came and

I thought it was a sample copy - I hesitated about subscribing for it, myself, but decided I could not afford it just now, so was kindly pleased that you put it to me. I used to take it when George and Josephine were here, but dropped it with others, after they went.

Weather is simply marvelous. I never knew anything like it at this time of year. Scarcely any snow visible and temperature around 35° or 40°.

Edd Ernest died Sunday morning. Funeral in Methodist church this morning. Very largely attended. They are living on Finnemore farm, but suppose different arrangements will now be made - I hardly see

how they can meet the bills of the past three months.
The New Year will soon be here.
May it be kind to the dear Robbie. With love always.

S. P.

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. at Princeton, New Jersey.

Princeton, New Jersey
December 13th, 1928

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. was held in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, on Thursday, December 13th, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Maitland Alexander. Prayer was offered by Dr. Alexander.

The call for the meeting was as follows:

"November 28th, 1928

In pursuance of the resolution of the Board of Directors at the meeting of October 9th, 1928, viz,

'That when we adjourn it be subject to the call of the President of the Board'.

I hereby call the Board of Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary to hold an adjourned meeting in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, on Thursday, December 13th, 1928, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Maitland Alexander, President".

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers - Crane, Morgan, Beach, Mudge, Dickson, Craig, Alexander (Maitland), Inglis, Macartney, Hutchison, Stevenson (Frank), McEwan, Laird, Brank, Robinson, Stevenson (J. Ross) ex-officio.

Elders - Nichols, Bruce, Marsh, Speer, Hodge, Finney.

The following were absent and excused:

Ministers - Brownson, Alexander (George), Radcliffe, Burrell, Warfield, Patton.

Elders - Manson, Smith

The report of the Group of Six was read by the Chairman, Dr. William L. McEwan, and is as follows:

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The Group would further report having met with the Board of Trustees on Monday, November 12, 1928 at 2:30 p.m. for a conference which lasted nearly two hours. At this conference in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors, the following resolutions were presented to the Board of Trustees:

1. That this Board report to the next General Assembly its willingness to cooperate whole heartedly in the organization of one Board control for this Seminary provided said Board of Control be composed of the members of the present Boards of Directors and Trustees of this Seminary as of October 1st, 1928.

2. That the above resolutions be communicated to the Board of Trustees in such a manner as in the judgment of the Group of Six will enable said Board of Trustees to be most fully informed as to the spirit which moves and the motives which actuate this Board as it transmits these resolutions for consideration.

Dr. McIlwan spoke for the Group and his remarks were supplemented by the other members of the Group present. In the course of the presentation, reference was made to the following, it being understood that these four propositions expressed the mind of the Group, but had not received the approval of the Board of Directors:

1. That all officers of both the two existing Boards resign and that at the initial election no officer will accept election to the corresponding office in the new Board.

2. That all committees, Standing and Special, shall terminate their services if and when the new Board is constituted, and that no one of the Chairman of said Committees shall be appointed Chairman of the corresponding Committees of the new Board.

3. That the proposed new Board. if and when constituted as voted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, is to function under a charter which will be entirely satisfactory

to both the present Boards and under the plan submitted by the General Assembly's Committee of Eleven which Plan had already received the warm approval of almost the entire Board of Trustees.

4. It would naturally be assumed, moreover, that the present Seminary Administration and Faculty would continue subject, of course, to such action as the new Board, if and when organized, might ultimately deem it wise to take.

After a conference which lasted nearly four hours the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the plans submitted by the Group of Six be deferred to a meeting of this Board of Trustees to be called by the President after the Directors and the Faculty have acted upon the suggestions made, or if deemed necessary, at an earlier date, and that meanwhile a committee be appointed by the President to serve as the official representatives of the Board in any conference with the Group of Six that may be desired.

The President, therefore, appointed the Trustees who had previously conferred with the Group of Six of the Board of Directors.

As a result of the recent meetings of the Group and of the conference with the Board of Trustees, we submit the following recommendations:

I. That the Group of Six be and hereby is authorized on behalf of the Board of Directors to respond to the action taken by the Board of Trustees on November 12, 1928, by maintaining such relations with the Board of Trustees through its conference committee as will make for peace and harmonious action.

II. That the following be transmitted to the Faculty over the signatures of the President and Secretary of this Board:

The Group of Six received the communication of the Faculty reporting that no one of the statements proposed in the conference of the Group with the Faculty of September 27th, and in its subsequent letter to the Faculty, could obtain unanimous approval at the meeting of the Faculty on October 6th and reporting also that the Faculty was unable to formulate any other statement which all its members could approve.

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> "To proceed immediately to compose the differences in the Seminary and to make a full report on these instructions to the next General Assembly."

5. In transmitting this action to the Faculty the Directors desire to express their regard and affection for all the members of the Faculty and their deep and prayerful longing for the healing of all wounds, and for the unity of all minds and hearts in the work of the Seminary and in the Service of our Common Lord, and the Board requests from each member of the Faculty an assurance of his willingness to abide by the action herewith transmitted, said assurance to be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Board of Directors on or before January 1, 1929.

III. That after conference with the Board of Trustees the Group be and hereby is empowered to request the Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary to call a meeting of said Committee at a mutually agreeable time and place for the purpose of receiving from the Board of Directors through the Group of Six the following propositions:

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In submitting the above to the Committee of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors directs its representatives known as the Group of Six to preface its presentation above with a full account to date of the endeavors of the Board of Directors to carry out both in spirit and in letter the mandate laid upon the Board by the 1928 General Assembly, which mandate is as follows:

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It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report be accepted. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report be adopted, the vote being eleven for adoption and ten against adoption. Dr. McEwan announced his desire to withdraw from the Group of Six. Dr. Finney announced his desire to withdraw from the Group of Six. The President announced that Dr. Warfield has resigned from the Group of Six.

To fill the vacancy in the Class of 1930 of the Board of Directors, James M. Shrader, Esq., an elder in the Northminster Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia was nominated by Dr. Craig.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the President of the Board. Prayer was offered by the President and the Board adjourned.

Frank H. Stevenson
Secretary Pro Tem.

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December 15th, 1928.

Rev. W.Courtland Robinson
Delhi, New York

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Enclosed herewith please find check for $ 30. interest, payment in full of 5th & Bristol Streets Bonds, Nos. 346.

The $1000. principal has been re-invested in 47th & Pine Streets, Series #4 , as per receipted bill enclosed.

Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige.

Very truly yours,

T. G. Homan

Treasurer.

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First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Brethren:-

I am writing to some of the men about my impressions concerning Princeton, after a ten days' visit there.

1. I am convinced that the chief objective at present is to preserve the integrity of the Board of Directors. Our difficulties as to the administration of the Seminary and personal relationships in the Faculty, will right themselves in the course of time: I feel that a merger of the Board of Directors, either on the basis of the Thompson Committee Plan, or of the recent proposal by the Directors to the Board of Trustees, would work great injury to the cause of Princeton.

2. The legal opinions, which we have reason to trust, indicate that the legislature of New Jersey would not pass an Act providing for a new charter if there should be opposition on the part of those now entrusted with the government of the Seminary. Even if the present Board of Directors were dissolved by the abrogation of the plan by the General Assembly, the Board would hold over until the enabling act had been passed by the legislature. Therefore, individual members of the Board of Directors, or the Board as a whole, would have the opportunity to protest.

3. The legal opinion of the Attorney General of New Jersey seems to intimate that the present plan would have to be abrogated by a two thirds majority vote in the Assembly.

4. In view of these legal obstacles, making a merger impossible, save by practically unanimous consent, I feel we ought to abandon that idea altogether

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and proceed as follows:-

a. Reconsider the action of the last meeting of the Board and the proposal by the Board of Trustees.

b. Elect strong men to the chairs now vacant.

c. Ask the Assembly for a change in the plan whereby the President of the Seminary sits as a member of both Boards.

d. Ask the Assembly for a change in the plan so that the clause about the trustees "approving" elections, and appointments by the Directors shall be clearly interpreted to mean that they shall approve the salaries provided the funds are at hand.

e. Make a strong and optimistic report to the Assembly pointing out the exaggeration of the difficulties; then showing the large enrollment of students, and how the work of the Seminary has gone steadily forward.

5. If these things are carried out, I do not see how any Assembly could reject such a report. My impression was that already time has healed somewhat the breach in the Faculty.

Faithfully yours,

P. S. Moorhead

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Having received a mandate from the 140th General Assembly "to proceed immediately to compose the differences at the Seminary," and

being persuaded that the proposal of the Special Committee of Eleven to create a single Board of Control for the administration of the Seminary and for the holding of the property of the Seminary is not only unwise but legally impossible under existing statutes of New Jersey; and

believing that even were such an administrative change deemed wise, the securing of appropriate general legislation would be rendered difficult, if not impossible, by failure to obtain the concurrence therein of all parties in interest; and

having made overtures in this regard to the Board of Trustees against the judgment of a substantial minority of this Board, which overtures did not meet with the approval of the Trustees; and

being convinced that the differences which have disturbed the Seminary, apart from contributing factors from without, are chiefly of an administrative character and have their source ultimately in the definition of the function of the President of the Seminary and in the definition of the relation of the Board of Trustees to this Board in the "Plan" of the Seminary:

this Board of Directors recommends to the General Assembly that the "Plan of the Seminary be amended, pursuant to Article i, section 3, as follows:

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3. Article ii, section 3 shall be omitted and section 4 shall become section 3 of Article iii.

4. Article iii shall become Article ii.

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6. Article iv, section 9 shall be omitted and the subsequent sections of this Article shall be renumbered accordingly.

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DOCUMENT 1.

AN ACT to authorize the Trustees of Theological Seminaries in this State to amend their charters.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.

1. Whenever the Trustees of any Theological Seminary in this State, however incorporated or created, shall desire to change their corporate name or the number of their officers, managers or trustees, or their or any of their qualifications or terms of office, or the manner or scope of their work within the same general lines, as is expressed in their charter or act or certificate of incorporation, or to make any one or more of such changes, and their managers, trustees or other similar officers shall adopt a resolution specifying what amendment, change or changes are in their opinion desirable, and shall refer the same to a meeting of the members of such corporation regularly held for the action of such members thereon, and if at such meeting of members by a vote of two-thirds of those present such resolution is approved, then the charter, act or certificate of incorporation shall be deemed and taken to be amended and changed in accordance with such resolution. If the organization of such corporation is or shall be such that it has no membership to which such resolution of the managers, trustees or other similar officers can be referred as above mentioned, then and in that case the resolution of the same trustees, managers or other similar officers shall be referred to a meeting of the members of the supreme governing body of the church or religious society exercising control or jurisdiction, either spiritual or temporal, over said managers, trustees or other similar officers, regularly held for the action of the members thereof, and if at such meeting of members of such supreme governing

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2. When any such change is made a certificate of such action, under the corporate seal of such corporation, signed by the presiding officers and secretary of such meeting, verified by the oath of such secretary, shall be forthwith filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

3. Any such change or amendment shall in nowise affect the legal rights, privileges, liabilities of such corporation acquired or incurred before such changes were made, but such corporation shall be entitled thereto and liable thereon to the same extent and in the same manner as if no such change had been made.

4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

DOCUMENT 2.

The Charter of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey," granted to it by Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey dated November 15, 1822, should be amended so that paragraphs 1 and 6 thereof shall, after amendment, read respectively as follows:-

1. "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church" at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey, a corporation and body politic and corporate, in law and in fact, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall have power and authority to take, receive and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, abbuities, franchises and other hereditaments which at any time or times heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised or otherwise conveyed for use of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, located at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey, or any other person or persons, to the use of the said Seminary, or in trust for the same; and the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and other hereditaments are hereby vested and established in the same corporation and their successors according to the original use and intent for which such devises, gifts and grants were respectively made; and the said corporation and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate and estates therein as in and by the respective grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, releases, devises and other conveyances thereof is or are declared, limited and expressed; also that the said corporation and their successors shall be capable and able to purchase, have, receive, take, hold and enjoy, in fee simple, or of lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and

other hereditaments by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alientation, enfeoffment, releave, confirmation, or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable and able to make the same; and further, that the said corporation and their successors may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any portion of goods and chattels that have been given to and for the use of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, or to the directors thereof, or to any other person or persons, body politic or corporate, in trust and for the use of the said Seminary, or that hereafter shall be given, sold, leased or bequeathed to the said corporation by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, that is able or capable to make a gift, sale, bequest or other disposal of the same. All the property and estate received and held by the corporation as aforesaid shall be held, managed and disposed of by it for the purposes of theological education according to the standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and no part of the property and estate so held in trust shall be used for any other purposes; and whenever special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in writing, under the hand of their Clerk, it shall be the duty of the said corporation to act according to such instructions, provided that said instructions shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or to the Constitution and laws of the State of New Jersey, or to the intention of the donors, and according to the objects, articles and conditions of this act.

6. That the said corporation shall consist of not more than fifty persons nor less than forty persons, who shall be either ministers or ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and not less than three of whom shall be citizens and residents of the State of New Jersey. Of these not more than three fifths shall be ministers, and not more than two fifths shall be ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, provided, however, that nothing contained here in shall render any persons members of the present Board of Trustees ineligible. After the first election and qualification of the said Trustees, it shall be by lot determined which of the number shall serve for three years, which for two years, and which for one year, and thereafter the Trustees at their annual meeting shall elect successors to those whose terms shall have expired or shall expire. Such election shall not be effective until approved by the General Assembly, and as to that person or those persons whose election shall not be approved by the General Assembly, his or their offices shall forthwith become vacant, and the General Assembly may at its election appoint or elect a Trustee or Trustees in his or their place and stead, or it may refer to the Board of Trustees the matter of filling the vacancies thus created by its failure or refusal to approve as aforesaid. The foregoing shall apply to all elections of Trustees, subsequent to the first election after the passage of this resolution. At the first election after the adoption of this amendment, the members of the new Board of Trustees shall be the members of the present Board of Trustees and the members of the present Board of Directors. The General Assembly shall determine, the limits herein fixed, the number of members of whom the corporation shall at any time consist.

DOCUMENT 3.

1112 Trenton Trust Building,
Trenton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Mudge: 8 October 1928.

You will find enclosed three copies of a suggested general legislative act, which will permit the Princeton Theological Seminary to so amend its charter that it may hereafter create one Board of Control over its property and the management of the Seminary. I am also enclosing three copies of the form of amendment which will have to be passed in order to accomplish the ends desired under the suggested general act above mentioned.

As regards the suggested legislative act, you will observe that it follows the lines of the general act of 1920 governing charitable and educational institutions. It is so framed, however, as to apply generally to Theological Seminaries. You will observe that in so far as the Seminary is concerned it provides that the resolution passed by the Trustees in the first instance should be submitted to the General Assembly and after being passed by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly, it shall become operative as an amendment after being certified by the Secretary of the Trustees. The right of the General Assembly to approve or reject the resolution is created by the language of the suggested act referring to the "supreme governing body."

You will, of course, understand that this suggested draft of an act has been prepared in some haste, in view of the limited time allowed to us, but in general it covers the substance of your desires as expressed to us. It may have to be polished up a bit before being put in final shape.

As regards the clauses of the present charter which are to be amended, they concern only paragraphs 1 and 6 thereof. The form of resolution which was approved by the Committee acting in behalf of the General Assembly, contained only two paragraphs and there was considerable doubt in my mind as to whether the effect of framing the two paragraphs in this fashion did not result in declaring the remainder of the paragraphs contained in the original charter as inoperative. We have protected the Seminary from that possibility by specifically suggesting that only paragraphs 1 and 6 of the original charter are amended. It will of necessity, therefore, follow that the remaining paragraphs in the original charter will continue operative and undisturbed. You will observe that paragraph 1 of the original charter has been amended by the suggested paragraph 1 of the new resolution although the amendment does not in substance change the original effect of paragraph 1 of the cgarter. In so far as the powers and rights of the Trustees to receive and hold property are concerned, the original language of the charter is retained. I thought it best not to change the language of paragraph 1 of the charter by substituting other words for the words now used in this paragraph, in order not to limit in any wise the powers which the Trustees now have to hold property. The part added to paragraph 1 of the original charter is along the lines of the added powers which appear in paragraph 2 of the resolution which was submitted to the General Assembly last spring.

The suggested amendment to paragraph 6 of the charter covers your new suggestion of having a single Board consisting of not more than fifty persons or less than forty persons. You will observe that the suggested form of amendment of paragraph 6 gives the General Assembly power to veto the elections o members of the Board of Trustees by the Board itself, and further provides that upon the failure of the General Assembly to approve of the elections by the Trustees, the offices of the persons elected shall forthwith become vacant and the General Assembly may itself fill the places thus becoming vacant. These are all suggestions which may be considered by you and may form the basis of suggestions which you will find more practical for your purposes. The suggested form of resolution is merely a tentative plan and is a basis for discussions by your Committee.

In so far as the operation of the Seminary by the single Board is concerned, that situation is taken care of by the amendments which you propose to make in the plan governing the Seminary. The General Assembly, by amending and abrogating the plan now in existence in the manner provided for by the plan, can oust the present Board of Directors and place their duties in the Board of Trustees which is hereafter to be created.

You inquired last week as to whether the Board of Directors as now constituted would have any standing in any Court of law by reason of the fact that the members of the Board of Directors are agents of the General Assembly in the operation of the Seminary. In this connection I might say that the Board of Directors by reason of the plan which has been accepted by all parties in interest, has a definite place in the scheme of organization in control of the Seminary. This scheme can only be changed by the method provided for in the plan under the power granted to the Seminary to amend or abrogate the plan. In the event that any steps be taken either by the Trustees or by the General Assembly to abrogate the powers of the Board of Directors in any manner other than as provided for in the plan, it might well be that on the theory of contractual relationship even though the members of the Board are agents for the General Assembly, they might be able to sustain a legal position which would give them recognition by the courts of this State. I mention this fact in order that it may not be concluded by the members of your Committee that the Board of Directors are entirely without any rights in the matter.

I trust you will find the papers which I have submitted satisfactory as a basis at least. If there are any suggestions which you care to take up with us, we shall be glad to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edward L. Katzenbach.

COPY.

EDWARD L. KATZENBACH
Counsellor at Law

1112 Trenton Trust Bldg.
Trenton, New Jersey.

26 October 1928.

Dr. Lewis S. Mudge,
514 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mudge:

I sincerely regret the delay in answering your letter of October 19th. It has been some time since I studied those phases having reference to the amending of the Charter of the Trustees along the lines suggested in the Report of the Committee of Eleven to the last General Assembly, and I wanted to check over my notes and memoranda before writing to you. I have consistently been of the opinion, and am still of the opinion, that the Charter of the corporation known as "Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church," cannot be amended under the general act of the Legislature of New Jersey, being Chapter 92, Laws of 1918, and Chapter 135, Laws of 1920, and entitled, "An Act to authorize charitable and educational corporations to make changes in their acts or certificates of incorporation and their organization.

I have always felt that it is utterly impossible to give opinions on most legal phases of the Seminary and the Trustees without in the first instance studying the historical background both of the Princeton Theological Seminary and of the corporation known as "Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church."

The Seminary was organized in 1811 as an unincorporated association by the General Assembly under a constitution designated as "Plan". This "Plan" recognizes and acknowledges the General Assembly as the creator of the Seminary in the first two sections of Article I of the "Plan". A study of the "Plan" leaves no room for doubt that the General Assembly established the Seminary as an unincorporated association and placed in charge thereof as its agents the Board of Directors which is now a self-perpetuating body, although subject to the control of the General Assembly which must approve of elections. The relationship between the General Assembly and the Board of Directors is well stated in the opinion of Judge Lanning, Dated November 1, 1911.

The corporation known as "Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church" was created by a special charter granted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey on November 15, 1822. This charter was requested by the Board of Directors at the instance of the General Assembly, but was not accepted until a Supplement thereto was enacted on December 9, 1823. Prior to that time individual trustees held the property for the Seminary. An examination of the powers and duties as contained in the Charter leaves no room for doubt that the "Trustees" were thereby constituted a holding corporation to hold certain property in trust for

"the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, located at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey - - -." No powers of any kind whatsoever are delegated to the "Trustees" in connection with the operation and conduct of the Seminary. All duties in that regard are delegated under the "Plan" to the Board of Directors. It becomes at once apparent from the Supplement of December 9, 1823, to the original Act of the Legislature of New Jersey that when the Charter was accepted the Trustees, Board of Directors and the General Assembly contemplated the possible existence of the Seminary beyond the life of the "Trustees" as a corporation, for by this Supplement it was provided that in the event that the Legislature of New Jersey at any time thereafter altered, amended or repealed the Charter of the corporation, the Trustees, as a corporation, could convey all property held by them to individuals selected by them.

Briefly summing up the situation from the above stated facts, it would appear that the relationship between the corporation, Seminary, Board of Directors, and the General Assembly, is as follows: The General Assembly, an unincorporated body, has created a Seminary at Princeton and has placed in charge thereof as its agents for the purpose of conducting and managing the Seminary according to the principles and doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, a Board of Directors. To this Board is given complete control over the professors, curriculum, finances etc. of the Seminary. The General Assembly, by virtue of a special legislative Act, has created a holding corporation designated as "Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church," whose sole duties relate to the holding and management of property in its hands for the benefit of the Princeton Seminary. The "Trustees" can interfere with the operation and management of the Seminary in only one particular. That one particular appears in Section 2 of Article VIII of the Plan, wherein it is provided that

> "All matters relating to finance, fixing the salaries of Professors, the extent of endowment and aid of students, shall be, by the Board of Directors, submitted to the Trustees of the Seminary for their approval."

In connection with this power of approval, it is to be noted that the power is one granted to the "Trustees" by the General Assembly, and is a power which can at any time, by process of amendment, be withdrawn by the same body. It is most important to recognize that this power is not one which is contained in the Charter.

Having in mind the brief historical sketch given above, and the conclusions drawn therefrom, we can proceed to address ourselves to the question as to whether the corporation known as "Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church" is a <u>charitable or educational corporation</u> within the meaning of Chapter 92, Laws of 1918, and Chapter 135, Laws of 1920. The constitution of the State of New Jersey is very definite in requiring that the objects of a legislative act must be expressed in its title; and our courts have construed this provision as limiting the authority granted by such an act to such objects. The Act in question by its title refers specifically to charitable and educational corporations, to the exclusion of all other corporation.

The fact of the matter is that this Act was passed to enable universities such as Princeton and Rutgers to amend their charters within the limits specified in the Act, - the Trustees in the instance of these universities having full authority under the terms of their respective charters to hold property and also to carry on and manage these educational institutions. As hereinabove suggested, even a most cursory examination of the Charter of the "Trustees" indicates unequivocally that it is a holding corporation for an unincorporated association which is both educational and religious in its nature. The corporation - " The Trustees" - itself has no powers or duties whatsoever of an educational or religious nature. It has no duties with reference to the operation and management of the Seminary, except in the instance of the limited power over finances given to it by the General Assembly and as set out in the "Plan."

We are therefore faced with the following situation, - the Act of 1822 incorporating the "Trustees", as supplemented by the Act of 1823, confers upon the Trustees no power to amend any of the provisions of the Charter. The general act of the New Jersey Legislature referring to charitable and educational corporations is not available to the "Trustees" for the reasons as above outlined. There is therefore no method by which the Charter of the "Trustees" can be amended unless it be along the lines of a new general act, a tentative draft of which has heretofore been submitted to you.

I have written to you at such length in order that you might have the benefit of the facts and premises upon which I have predicated my conclusions. I trust that you will find this letter helpful for your purposes.

With kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Edward L. Katzenbach.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STATED CLERK

GENERAL OFFICE
514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
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November 30, 1928.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRINCETON SEMINARY.

Dear Brethren:

As it has been intimated to me that all of the Board of Directors would be glad to examine at their leisure the opinion of the Hon. Edward L. Katzenbach, re one Board of control, I am enclosing herewith a copy to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge

Lewis S. Mudge
Secretary
Group of Six.

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The owners of the above property have given notice that they will pay the principal of the bonds at maturity, December 15th 1928, when interest will cease.

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Yours very truly,

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October twenty-ninth,.
1928.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of October 25th and am distressed to know that this payment has not been made by your church and yourself for the year ending March 31, 1928. Of course, we cannot under the rules of the Service Pension Plan give credit for prior service in the Presbyterian Church unless this full 10% premium payment is made for the first year of the Plan.

I have gone over the records and discover that in November,1927, the remittance blanks were sent to you both for the church and yourself. If you did not receive them there must have been some trouble with the mail as we did not receive any word of their nondelivery. I am distressed to know the situation has occurred because I realize that it is indeed a heavy burden. It will make a vast difference, however, since if this premium payment is received you will receive the automatic annuity of $[illegible], on November 15, 1929; whereas, if it were not paid your annuity would be the very inconsiderable amount of possibly $100. a year as we would only count service from April 1, 1927.

Your total annuity in the Sustentation Department and the Service Pension Plan will amount to $700. at the age of 65, provided, of course, that this full premium payment is made for the year ending March 31, 1928.

I feel very badly that this situation has arisen as I realize what a burden it will be, and yet it would have been possible at any time for your Treasurer to have sent us the money, on account of information which came in the Church press and in correspondence. The remittance blanks and notices went out from this office but must have been lost in the mail.

I hope you are feeling stronger and are regaining your former health and strength, and with warm personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Reid S. Dickson
Associate Secretary.

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Note. These minutes are confidential and are sent for the information of members of the Board only.

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
(The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Dr. Frank H. Stevenson in taking these minutes.)

Princeton, New Jersey
October 9, 1928

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was held in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, October 9, 1928, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Maitland Alexander. Prayer was offered by Dr. Alexander.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary and was found in order. It is as follows:

"Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 9, 1928

Princeton, N.J.
September 27,1928

In compliance with the requirements of Article III, Section 5, of the Plan of the Seminary respecting Special Meetings of the Board, I hereby call the Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, N.J., on Tuesday, October 9, 1928, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the Report of the "Group of Six", appointed at the meeting June 20, 1928, and to transact any business relative thereto.

John B. Laird,
First Vice-President "

Sylvester W. Beach,
Secretary.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers -- Crane, Morgan, Beach, Mudge, Dickson, Craig, Alexander (George), Alexander (Maitland), Inglis, Brownson, Macartney, Hutchison, Stevenson(Frank), McEwan, Radcliffe, Laird, Robinson, and Stevenson(J.Ross), ex officio.

Elders -- Nichols, Speer, Hodge, Finney and Bruce.

The following were absent and excused:

Ministers -- Burrell, Patton, Brank and Warfield.
Elders -- Manson, Marsh and Smith.

Dr. McEwan, Chairman of the Group of Six, addressed the Board, expressing the spirit in which the Group had sought to carry out the mandate of the General Assembly. He then called upon Dr. Mudge, Secretary of the Group of Six, to read the report. Dr. Finney arose to state that he felt obliged to dissent from the report and so it must fail of a unanimous approval by the Group of Six. He stated that his dissent grew out of and was based upon certain developments in the meeting of the Group that morning. The report was then read by Dr. Mudge, and is as follows:

"TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Dear Brethren:

"The Group of Six" appointed by you at the meeting held on June 20th last, would respectfully submit a report. The resolutions of the Board creating this Group are as follows: we quote from the official Minutes:-

'It was moved, seconded and carried that the following resolution offered by Dr. Warfield be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons, Drs. Robert E. Speer, Lewis S. Mudge, W. L. McEwan, John B. Laird and the President of the Board, Dr. Maitland Alexander, be asked to confer together and report as soon as possible to this meeting a form of procedure and such action as they may deem proper and expedient under the action of the General Assembly just communicated to us.

It was voted that this Group appoint its own chairman. Dr. Maitland Alexander asked to be excused from membership on the Group, and it was moved, seconded and carried that the request be granted and that Dr. Warfield be substituted in place of Dr. Maitland Alexander. It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Finney be added to the Group, making the number six, instead of five.'

The Board having taken the above action took recess in order to give the Group an opportunity to confer.

When the Board reconvened the Group reported the election of Dr. McEwan as Group Chairman and Dr. Mudge as Group Secretary and offered the following recommendations which were adopted by the Board as follows:

"1. We recommend that the following statement be presented to the faculty with the request that each member of the faculty affix his signature thereto:

'We the undersigned, members of the faculty, hereby withdraw and express our regret for all statements which we have made which have seemed to our fellow members of the faculty to be unjust, unkind or untrue, and we assure the Directors of our

purpose and determination to maintain peace and harmony and concord in our personal and official relations in the work of the Seminary.'

"2. We recommend that the following letter be addressed to the Board of Trustees, and that we hereby request the President to appoint the conference committee therein mentioned:

'To the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Brethren:

The General Assembly which met at Tulsa instructed the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary 'to proceed immediately to compose the differences at the Seminary and to make a full report on these instructions to the next General Assembly.'

The Board of Directors, earnestly desirous of obeying the mandate of the Assembly, is meeting in special session at the first opportunity to begin this work. At this first meeting, the Board of Directors, in brotherly spirit and with a sincere desire to remove any misunderstanding and to compose any differences does hereby invite the Board of Trustees to cooperate with it in its efforts to carry out the instructions of the Assembly.

That there may be no loss of time and that the Board of Directors may manifest its earnest desire to remove any causes of misunderstanding and friction between the Boards which may be found to exist. (The original letter as offered by Dr. Mudge read 'to remove all causes of misunderstanding and friction between the two Boards.' An amendment was offered by Dr. Inglis and accepted by the committee changing the phraseology as above.) A committee of the Board of Directors (to be named by the President of the Board with as little delay as possible) has been appointed to confer with a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, if it seem good to your Board to appoint such a committee for conference.

This action of the Board of Directors is taken with the single and sincere hope and prayer that all differences may be adjusted, and that the future relations between these Boards may be hearty and cordial, and such as to enable the two Boards to work together for the advancement of the interests of the Seminary and the Kingdom of God.

In all courtesy and brotherly love, the Board of Directors greets the Board of Trustees, and earnestly invites it to cooperate in the effort to remove any cause of misunderstanding and friction between the two Boards which may be found to exist.'

"3. We reccommend that the President of this Board be requested to appoint committees to consider suitable persons for the chairs vacant at the close of the next Seminary year."

"4. We recommend that provision be made for more frequent and

thorough visitations and examinations by members of the Board."

The Group received through Dr. Warfield a letter addressed to Dr. Maitland Alexander by Dr. Machen in which he requested the permission of the Board of Directors to withdraw his acceptance of the Chair of Apologetics in the Seminary. The Group listened to the reading of this letter but took no action thereupon.

The Group of Six was by motion continued until the next regular or special meeting of the Board. Since the last meeting of the Board, namely on June 20th, the Group of Six has had three conferences, each conference lasting practically a whole day. These conferences were held on Thursday July 19th, in the Witherspoon Building, on Friday September 14th in the Witherspoon Building, and on Thursday September 27th, in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall; and has been in session this morning (October 9) since 9:15, making a total of five conferences in all.

At the first of these ad interim conferences, namely, that held on July 19th, the Group deemed it wise to request the President of the Board to appoint the members of the Group as the Conference Committee provided for in the Minutes of the Board of Directors, June 20th, p.8, Resolution 2. The President of the Board promptly acceded to the request of the Group.

Report was also made to the Group at this conference that Dr. Stevenson maintained the position which he had previously expressed to members of the Group on June 20th, namely, that he ought not to resign as President of the Seminary at the present time. At this meeting the revised plan of the Seminary as contained in the 1928 Blue Book of the General Assembly, pp.173-191 inclusive, was examined critically by the Group and amendments thereto were tentatively agreed upon as desirable if and when the plan should be presented to the General Assembly for adoption. Special committees were also appointed at this conference and directed to report to the Group as to the possibility of the continuance of two-Board control through a more satisfactory definition of the duties of each of the existing Boards, and as to the possibility of combining the present Board of Directors and the present Board of Trustees in one Board of Control with proper legal safeguards.

At the second of these ad interim conferences, Number 3, held on Friday September 14th, the two Special Committees just referred to reported progress but inability to submit definite reports. Members of the Group made detailed reports with reference to correspondence had with members of the Faculty looking toward the obtaining of unanimous consent by the Faculty to some statement which when signed by all the members of the Faculty would form a basis for peace and cooperation. Dr. McEwan and Dr. Speer reported a conference on this subject held in Dr. Speer's office in New York City on Thursday, August 23rd, with Prof. Robert Dick Wilson. A report was made also that the statement prepared by the Board of Directors as of June 20th, for the signatures of the Faculty was not satisfactory to the members of the Faculty.

The Secretary of the Group was requested at this Conference through the Secretary of the Board of Directors to call the attention of the Committees of the Board appointed to make nominations for vacancies in

the Faculty to the urgent need of filling at the earliest moment possible the chairs vacant in the Seminary and that if satisfactory nominations be possible they should be presented at the October meeting of the Board.

The Secretary was also requested to prepare for use at the proposed conference with the officers of the Board of Trustees and selected members thereof the outline of a possible plan for one Board Control emphasizing particularly that the membership of the proposed Board should be composed of members of the two existing Boards and that to this end as a temporary measure, at least, others than ordained men should be eligible to membership therein.

At this conference it was decided to adjourn to meet on Wednesday September 26th, or Thursday September 27th, with the purpose of conferring with the Faculty in the morning and in the afternoon with the officers of the Board of Trustees and such other members of said Board as its President might select.

At the third ad interim Conference, held on Thursday, September 27th, the Group agreed to present to the Conference to be held later that morning with the Faculty three forms of statements, one of which was hoped would form a basis for complete reconciliations among the members of the Faculty. These three statements are as follows:

Statement 1. This statement is that which was on June 20th last, ordered transmitted to the Faculty.

"We the undersigned, members of the Faculty, hereby withdraw and express our regret for all statements which we have made which have seemed to our fellow members of the faculty to be unjust, unkind or untrue, and we assure the Directors of our purpose and determination to maintain peace and harmony and concord in our personal and official relations in the work of the Seminary."

Statement 2. This is the statement recently transmitted to the Faculty by one of its members but somewhat amended in form by the Group.

"We, the undersigned members of the Faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary, hereby assure the Directors of our hearty cooperation in their task of composing the differences at the Seminary in accordance with the mandate of the General Assembly. We express our regret for the situation which has existed and for whatever we have contributed to create it. We promise, so far as in us lies, that differences of opinion, even on matters of principle, shall contain no element of bitterness or of personalities. We assure the Directors, therefore, of our determination to maintain in the Faculty the harmonious relationship which may naturally be expected among colleagues."

Statement 3. This statement was prepared by the Chairman of the Group of Six and is transmitted with the approval of the Group after having been slightly amended.

"We, the undersigned, members of the Faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary, do solemnly state that:

1. We freely forgive, as we hope to be forgiven, any of our brethren who have misunderstood, critized, or wronged us. And we ask forgiveness of any whom we have misunderstood, or criticized, or wronged.

2. We promise to refrain in the future from public criticism of our fellow members of the Faculty or of members of the Boards of the Seminary which we love and serve.

3. We desire to live in peace and brotherly love, and we are ready in honesty and sincerity to strive so to do."

When the Faculty met in conference with the Group, the Group Chairman reviewed briefly the circumstances leading up to the conference and outlined to the assembled Faculty the desires of the Group as agreed upon in the Group meeting held just previous to the conference with the Faculty, emphasizing particularly how important it was that the Faculty decide unanimously upon some form of words which would embody in spirit and in letter an agreement looking toward peace and cooperation. In response to questions from the Faculty, the Chairman indicated that members of the Faculty who had already signed the statement submitted by the Board of Directors as of June 20th, or the statement prepared by Dr. Robert Dick Wilson and circulated in the Faculty, were not thereby debarred from signing another statement if they so desired. It was further understood that the Faculty should report as soon as possible the result of their endeavor to reach an agreement as to a harmonious and satisfactory statement.

Upon the reconvening of the Group after the conclusion of the conference with the Faculty, a sub-committee of the Group reported upon the results of an informal conference with the Honorable Edward Katzenbach of Trenton, New Jersey, a conference which was held by direction of the Group. In this conference Mr. Katzenbach emphasized five points. First: that a two Board control of the Seminary was inadvisable. Second: to secure one Board control a general legislative act would be needed authorizing the Board of Trustees of an institution of learning now empowered as a Board to hold and control property to add to their functions educational direction as well. Third: the entire possibility of including in an amended charter secured under the provisions of said legislative act any and all provisions necessary to link the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary as closely and as vitally to the General Assembly as might be desired. Fourth: the number of citizens of the State of New Jersey necessarily members of the Board to conform with the laws of the State of New Jersey would be one as a minimum. Fifth: only if and when the General Assembly authorizes the Board of Directors or any member or members thereof so to act on its behalf would said Board or any member or members thereof be able legally to obtain standing in a court of jurisdiction in connection with any possible litigation with reference to charter changes. Mr. Katzenbach excepted a situation in which an effort is made to change the Plan of the Seminary by a course of procedure other than that therein provided.

The Group then adjourned to enter into conference with representatives of the Board of Trustees. At this conference Chairman McEwan gave a concise resumé of procedure to date. The letter approved by the

Board of Directors on June 20th last, requesting a conference with the Board of Trustees was read. A general exchange of opinion was then had, particularly with reference to the following questions: (a) One Board Control, and if one Board control, how said one Board should be constituted; (b) what lies at the heart of the differences in the Faculty; (c) the importance of composing our differences from within rather than by authority from above and without; (d) the advisability of recalling the motion offered at the meeting of the Board of Directors on June 20th and now on the Docket for this meeting with reference to the resignation of the President of the Seminary. The conference with the representatives of the Board of Trustees was brought to a close with the assurance from the Trustees present that the Board of Trustees would await with deep interest any communications that the Board of Directors might deem it wise to make to them as a result of its meeting on October 9th next.

Upon the reassembling of the Group of Six the secretary was authorized to secure from the Honorable Edward Katzenbach (1) a tentative draft of such a general legislative act as would make possible the union in one Board of Control of the functions now exercised by the two existing Boards; (2) to secure from the same source a suggested amendment to the existing charter of the Seminary such as would be obtainable if and when the necessary legislative act was in effect. To assist Mr. Katzenbach in the preparation of the proposed amended chartdr and plan, said charter and plan as submitted to the 1928 General Assembly by the Committee of Eleven plus the amendments thereto tentatively agreed upon by the Group were forwarded.

The Group submits herewith in addition to the above outline of its conferences the detailed Minutes of said conferences. These Minutes were mailed to the members of the Group for examination and correction before receiving the approval of the Group.

On the basis of the study given by the Group to the problems for the solution of which this Board is at present responsible and in accordance with the instructions given this Group, we herewith submit the following recommendations:

No. 1. That this Board report to the next General Assembly its willingness to cooperate whole-heartedly in the organization of one Board control for this Seminary provided said Board of control be composed of the members of the present Boards of Directors and Trustees of this Seminary as of October 1st, 1928, and provided that the appended general legislative act is secured and the appended amended charter is obtained under the provisions of said proposed legislative act.

(insert Act and Charter)

No. 2. That if the Board of Trustees will agree to one Board of Control constituted as provided for in Resolution 1, this Board agrees to cooperate whole-heartedly in securing the enactment of said general legislative act and in securing under its provisions said amended charter.

No. 3. That the above resolutions, numbered 1 and 2, be communicated to the Board of Trustees in such a manner as, in the judgment of the Group of Six, will enable said Board of Trustees to be most fully informed as to the spirit which moves and the motives

which actuate this Board as it transmits these resolutions for consideration.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received and the resolutions acted upon seratim.

Resolution No. 1 was read by Dr. Mudge. It was moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted.

On motion a resolution was adopted dividing Resolution No 1 into two parts, the first resolution according to this amendment ending with the words "as of October 1, 1928"; the remainder of Resolution No. 1 being made Resolution No. 2.

Pending further discussion, the special meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. Inglis at 12:40 o'clock p. m.

Sylvester W. Beach

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Princeton, New Jersey,
October 9, 1928.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was held in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, October 9th, 1928, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Maitland Alexander. Prayer was offered by Dr. Alexander. The roll was called and the following members were present.

Ministers: Crane, Morgan, Beach, Mudge, Dickson, Craig, Alexander (George), Alexander (Maitland), Inglis, Brownson, Macartney, Hutchison, Stevenson (Frank), McEwan, Radcliffe, Laird, Robinson and Stevenson (J. Ross) ex officio.

Elders: Nichols, Speer, Hodge, Finney and Bruce.

The following were absent and excused:

Ministers: Burrell, Patton, Brank, and Warfield.

Elders: Manson, Marsh and Smith.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board proceed at once to the consideration of the first item on the docket under "Special Committees", as follows: "'Group of Six', Dr. McEwan, Chairman". Dr. Finney asked permission to withdraw his dissent from the report of the Group of Six announced at the special meeting. This was granted. Consideration was continued upon Resolution No. 1 of the report of the Group of Six at the special meeting this morning. The Board proceeded to vote on Resolution No. 1 which was adopted by a standing vote of 12 to 9.

Resolution No. 2 (Resolution No. 1 divided) beginning with the words "provided that " was by vote referred back to the Group of Six.

Resolution No. 3 (Resolution No. 2 in the report) was also by vote referred back to the Group of Six.

Resolution No. 4 (Resolution No. 3 in the report) was amended to read "That the above resolution (No. 1) be communicated by the Group of Six to the Board of Trustees, etc." (the plural being changed to the singular).

The Board then proceeded to a continuation of the docket in accordance with the regular order.

The following report of the Faculty was presented, accepted, and the recommendation regarding Ernest Bizer was adopted. The President of the Seminary was called upon, but made no remarks.

October 6, 1928

The Faculty respectfully submits to the Board of Directors the following report:

The session opened on September 26th with a service in Miller Chapel, at which the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., LL.D., of Washington, D.C., gave the address.

The enrollment of students to date in comparison with the report to you at this time last year is:

	1927	1928	
Fellows	5	4	one less than last year
Graduate Students	42	38	four less than last year
Seniors	54	61	seven more than last year
Middlers	70	73	three more than last year
Juniors	79	59	twenty less than last year
Partials	3	5	two more than last year
Total	253	240	thirteen less than last year

There may be some redistribution of students in various classes.

The Mission Lecturer for this year is to be the Rev. Albert B. Dodd of China, who being unable to fill the appointment last year, was reappointed for this session.

The Stone Lecturer for this year will be the Rev. Clarence E. Macartney, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Professor H. Emil Brunner of the University of Zürick will deliver public lectures at five o'clock on October 8th and 9th.

The Rev. Cornelius Van Til, Ph.D., has entered upon his work as instructor in Apologetics.

The Department of Missions has secured the services of the Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, D.D., of China, the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., of Egypt, and Rev. H. C. Neely of Africa, to assist in the instruction of the year.

The Rev. John H. Raven, D.D., Professor of Old Testament in New Brunswick Theological Seminary, is again teaching the curriculum courses which he taught last year.

In accordance with the provision made by the Board of Directors for instruction in Music, Mr. Raymond E. Rudy is again training a double quartette to sing at Sunday morning chapel, and is instructing a voluntary class in music.

Ernest Bizer, the German-Exchange Student of the last Seminary year, having completed a delayed thesis has now finished the required course for the Th.M. degree. The Faculty recommends him to the Board of Directors for the degree at this October meeting, the public announcement of the degree to be made at the next Commencement.

In response to the request of the Board of Directors at its May meeting, the Faculty has taken action that report will be made to the next meeting of the Board of members of the Senior Class who have removed conditions after the Report of the Faculty on Examinations has been made.

Paul Martin
Secretary.

The following members, who had not yet signed the subscription to the Plan of the Seminary, entered their names to the formula:

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Examination and Visitation. Dr. Hutchison, Chairman, reported that notices would be sent to all members of the committee advising them of their duties, etc. The report was accepted.

Nominations. Dr. Robinson, Chairman, reported putting in nomination the following members for the Class of 1932.

Term to Expire May, 1932.

George Alexander, D.D.....New York City
Maitland Alexander, D.D.,LL.D.....Pittsburgh
Wallace Radcliffe, D.D.,LL.D.....Washington City
Robert S. Inglis, D.D.....Newark, N.J.
Clarence Edward Macartney, D.D.....Pittsburgh
David De Forest Burrell, D.D.....Williamsport, Pa.
Stuart Nye Hutchison, D.D..... Pittsburgh
Spencer S. Marsh, Esq.....Madison, N.J.
Robert E. Speer, D.D.,LL.D.....Englewood, N.J.
Edward B. Hodge, M.D.....Philadelphia

For the Class of 1930, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elisha H. Perkins, Esq., J. H. Mason Knox, M.D., of Baltimore:

For Officers:

Maitland Alexander, D.D.,LL.D., President
John B. Laird, D.D., First Vice-President
H. S. Prentiss Nichols, Esq., Second Vice-President
Sylvester W. Beach, D.D., Secretary

Curriculum. Dr. Crane, Chairman, reported as follows:

"The Curriculum Committee would respectfully report that it has fulfilled the directions of the Board at its Special Meeting in June 20, namely, that temporary provision for instruction be made at its discretion in Old Testament Literature, Christian Education, Homiletics and Apologetics as follows: Old Testament Literature - Dr. Raven; Christian Education - Dr. Robinson; Homiletics - Dr. Smith and Dr. Stevenson; Apologetics - Rev. Cornelius Van Til; at the same salaries as these incumbents received last year, except that Rev. Van Til who gives his whole time to the work of the Department is to receive a salary of $3,500. Action in respect of all these salaries is taken, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees."

The report was adopted.

Opening of the Seminary and Commencement Exercises. Dr. Speer, Chairman, reported that by invitation of the committee Dr. Wallace Radcliffe had made the opening address for the Seminary on September 26. The report

was accepted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Nomination of a Professor to Chair of Homiletics. Dr. Inglis, Chairman, reported that owing to the present situation it was deemed inexpedient to present a nomination at this meeting of the Board. The report was accepted.

Nomination of a Professor to the Chair of Christian Education. Dr. Laird, Chairman, reported that the committee was not prepared now to present a nomination. The report was accepted.

Nomination of a Professor to the Chair of Apologetics. Dr. Warfield, Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, no report was presented.

Students' Aid. Dr. Mudge, Chairman, presented as his report the action of the General Assembly upon theological seminaries, as follows:

"The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries presented a further report through its Chairman, the Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D.D., which was adopted, as follows:

The General Assembly believes that our Theological Seminaries should give prior consideration to the claims of students from our own churches in giving scholarships or other aid and should not encourage the enrollment of students from other denominations in such numbers as to make it impossible to make full provision for our own. Yet there is nothing to interfere with the Seminaries in giving aid to other students who are eligible for matriculation and who may be duly enrolled.

The report was accepted.

Seminary's Interests in Regard to Students, Alumni and the Church. Dr. Radcliffe, Chairman. No report.

Library. Dr. Brank, Chairman. No report.

To Confer with Mr. Synnott Regarding the Chair of Christian Education. Dr. Finney, Chairman, stated that with the report at the last meeting of the Board the duties of the committee has ended, and he requested that the committee be discharged. The report was accepted and the request granted.

Medical Services for the Students. Dr. Finney, Chairman, reported as follows:

Resolved, that beginning with next year, compulsory physical examination of new students entering the Seminary be required and that notice to this effect be inserted in next year's catalogue.

The resolution was adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of this meeting be not now read for approval and that the usual mimeographed copies be sent to all members of the Board; the minutes being subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board.

It was moved, seconded and carried that when we adjourn it be subject to the call of the President of the Board. Prayer was offered by Dr. Morgan, and the Board adjourned.

Sylvester W. Beach
Secretary

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
October 9, 1928

(Supplementary for Information)

The Secretary would respectfully report to the Board the following items:

I. That the usual Report of the Seminary was duly sent to the stated clerk of the General Assembly.

II. That mimeographed copies of the minutes of the meetings, May 7 and 8, 1928, and of June 20, 1928, have been sent to all the members of the Board.

III. That remits of both meetings have been duly transmitted to the Board of Trustees and Faculty, respectively.

IV. That notices of changes in the Committees of the Board, as reported to the Secretary by the President of the Board, July 5, 1928, have been communicated to each and every member of the several Committees.

V. That letters of reply have been sent to all applicants for information insofar as the Secretary was authorized or capable to give information.

VI. That copies of the formula or pledge adopted by the Board, June 20, 1928 have been promptly transmitted to all members of the Board and Faculty, together with the "explanations" prepared by Dr. Speer by direction of the Board.

VII. That telegrams to all chairmen of committees on Vacant Chairs have been sent in accordance with instructions received by the Secretary from the Group of Six.

VIII. That letters and other papers in the hands of the Secretary, so far as they are germane to the work of the Group of Six have been sent to each member of the Group; in accordance with a request transmitted to the Secretary by the Secretary of the Group; a copy of this remit is on the desk of the Secretary to be read if called for.

IX. That notices for the special meeting of the Board for 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 9, have been duly prepared and forwarded to each member of the Board more than ten days before said date.

X. That notices of the regular meeting, October 9, at 2 p.m., with provisional docket, have been sent to all members of the Board at least ten days before said date of meeting.

XI. The Secretary of the Board of Directors received the following communication from the Secretary of the "Peace Group":

Stevenson (Frank)	Brownson
Laird	Dickson
Bruce	Finney
Nichols	Robinson
Hodge	Morgan
Alexander (George)	Beach
Radcliffe	

Of the remaining eight members, (there being one vacancy in the Board owing to the resignation of Elisha H. Perkins, the successor to whom has not yet been elected), Dr. Maitland Alexander has stated to the Secretary his purpose to sign the formula while six of the remaining number have made no reply, probably owing to inadvertence or absence on vacation.

Since the above report to the Group of Six three additional members of the Board of Directors have subscribed to the formula, viz., Drs. Macartney, Alexander (Maitland) and Warfield, making the total 24. Dr. Crane has declined to sign the text of the formula but offers hearty cooperation. Dr. Inglis has made no reply. The answer of Dr. Craig has been sent in detail to the Group of Six. Mr. Marsh has as yet made no reply.

Sylvester W. Beach
Secretary

Dr. Patton on the Princeton Situation

BERMUDA, May 7, 1928.

To the Editor of The Presbyterian:

Dear Sir:—I am not able to enter into a discussion, but, lest my silence should be misunderstood, I crave the privilege of saying through your columns that I am not at all in sympathy with the present attempt to disrupt the government of Princeton Theological Seminary, and that I can see no adequate reason for a change which is in violent opposition to the judgment of a majority of the Faculty and of the Board of Directors; and which, if effected, will be attended with an outburst of indignant feeling, and in all probability, be followed by a bitter controversy.

When a single Board is substituted for the two now existing, the way will be open for a gradual change in the constitution of the governing body which may ultimately result in lifting the Seminary from the foundations on which it has rested from the beginning of its history. Princeton Seminary has always stood for the unmodified Calvinism of the Westminster Confession. It has a right to remain so.

The Union of the Old and New School branches of the Presbyterian Church undoubtedly broadened the United body. But why frown upon the one because we favor the other?

The change proposed may indeed result in an increase of the Seminary's endowments; but not outward show of institutional prosperity could make up for Princeton's loss when the heritage of faith associated with the memory of the Alexanders and the Hodges gives place to a nerveless inclusivism, however evangelical that inclusivism may be in outward profession; and when larger and later gifts have nullified the purpose of those endowments which are represented by the names of Lenox, Green, Stuart and Winthrop.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANCIS L. PATTON.

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TWELVE-SEVENTEEN MARKET ST. PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

June 4, 1928.

Rev. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

We have a representative, Rev. Paul Heiligman, now working at Binghamton, New York who is anxious to canvass Delhi for THE PRESBYTERIAN.

I am writing to ask if you will allow him to visit your people in the interests of our paper. He thinks he could be very successful in that field as your writing the Sabbath School Lessons will give him an entrance into the homes. Will you communicate directly with him % Railroad Y. M. C. A., Binghamton, New York?

Hoping that you may see your way clear to grant our request and thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very truly,

Anna I. McKinney

SYLVESTER W. BEACH, D.D.
SECRETARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL MEETING

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 20TH, 1928

PRINCETON, N. J., June 7, 1928.

In compliance with the requirements of Article III, Section 5, of the Plan of the Seminary respecting Special Meetings of the Board, I hereby call the Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet in the Old Oratory, Alexander Hall, Princeton, N. J., on Wednesday, June twentieth, at eleven o'clock in the morning (Daylight Saving Time).

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To transact any business relevant to the following action of the General Assembly, May 28th, 1928:

> "Whereas, the Majority and Minority Reports from the Special Committee of Eleven on Princeton Theological Seminary, if adopted or rejected, leave the situation at Princeton Seminary in an unsettled state, therefore, be it
>
> "Resolved, that the further consideration of said reports be postponed for one year, and that the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary be and hereby is instructed to proceed immediately to compose the differences at the Seminary and to make a full report on these instructions to the next General Assembly."

2. To transact any other business connected with the work of the Seminary which may properly come before the meeting.

MAITLAND ALEXANDER,
President.